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In this paper, we introduce the notion of *prolific* and *non-prolific* types, based on the number of instantiated objects of those types. We demonstrate that distinguishing between these types enables a new class of techniques for memory management and data locality, and facilitates the deployment of known techniques. Specifically, we first present a new *type-based* approach to garbage collection that has similar attributes but lower cost than generational collection. Then we de ...

3 [Concurrent garbage collection using hardware-assisted profiling](#)

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In the presence of on-chip multithreading, a Virtual Machine (VM) implementation can readily take advantage of *service threads* for enhancing performance by performing tasks such as profile collection and analysis, dynamic optimization, and garbage collection concurrently with program execution. In this context, a hardware-assisted profiling mechanism is proposed. The *Relational Profiling Architecture* (RPA) is designed from the top down. RPA is based on a relational model similar ...

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Ramesh Radhakrishnan, Ravi Bhargava, Lizy K. John

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State of the art Java Virtual Machines with Just-In-Time (JIT) compilers make use of advanced compiler techniques, run-time profiling and adaptive compilation to improve performance. However, these techniques for alleviating performance bottlenecks are more effective in long running workloads, such as server applications. Short running Java programs, or client workloads, spend a large fraction of their execution time in compilation instead of useful execution when run using JIT compilers. In ...

5 Using complete system simulation to characterize SPECjvm98 benchmarks

Tao Li, Lizy Kurian John, Vijaykrishnan Narayanan, Anand Sivasubramaniam, Jyotsna Sabarinathan, Anupama Murthy

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Complete system simulation to understand the influence of architecture and operating systems on application execution has been identified to be crucial for systems design. While there have been previous attempts at understanding the architectural impact of Java programs, there has been no prior work investigating the operating system (kernel) activity during their executions. This problem is particularly interesting in the context of Java since it is not only the application that can invoke ...

6 Exploiting ILP in page-based intelligent memory

Mark Oskin, Justin Hensley, Diana Keen, Frederic T. Chong, Matthew Farrens, Aneet Chopra

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This study compares the speed, area, and power of different implementations of Active Pages [OCS98], an intelligent memory system which helps bridge the growing gap between processor and memory performance by associating simple functions with each page of data. Previous investigations have shown up to 1000X speedups using a block of reconfigurable logic to implement these functions next to each sub-array on a DRAM chip. In this study, we show that instruction-level parallelism, n ...

7 Garbage collection for strongly-typed languages using run-time type reconstruction

Shail Aditya, Christine H. Flood, James E. Hicks

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Garbage collectors perform two functions: live-object detection and dead-object reclamation. In this paper, we present a new technique for live-object detection based on run-time type reconstruction for a strongly typed, polymorphic language. This scheme uses compile-time type information together with the run-time tree of activation frames to determine the exact type of every object participating in the computation. These reconstructed types are then used ...

8 Fast out-of-order processor simulation using memoization

Eric Schnarr, James R. Larus

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Our new out-of-order processor simulator; FastSim, uses two innovations to speed up simulation 8--15 times (vs. Wisconsin SimpleScalar) with no loss in simulation accuracy. First, FastSim uses speculative direct-execution to accelerate the functional emulation of speculatively executed program code. Second, it uses a variation on memoization---a well-known technique in programming language implementation---to cache microarchitecture states and the resulting simulator actions, and then "fast forward" ...

Keywords: direct-execution, memoization, out-of-order processor simulation

9 The cache behaviour of large lazy functional programs on stock hardware

Nicholas Nethercote, Alan Mycroft

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Lazy functional programs behave differently from imperative programs and these differences extend to cache behaviour. We use hardware counters and a simple yet accurate execution cost model to analyse some large Haskell programs on the x86 architecture. The programs do not interact well with modern processors---L2 cache data miss stalls and branch misprediction stalls account for up to 60% and 32% of execution time respectively. Moreover, the program code exhibits little exploitable instruction- ...

Keywords: Glasgow Haskell Compiler, Haskell, branch misprediction, cache measurement, cache simulation, hardware counters

10 A survey of processors with explicit multithreading

Theo Ungerer, Borut Robič, Jurij Silc

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Hardware multithreading is becoming a generally applied technique in the next generation of microprocessors. Several multithreaded processors are announced by industry or already into production in the areas of high-performance microprocessors, media, and network processors. A multithreaded processor is able to pursue two or more threads of control in parallel within the processor pipeline. The contexts of two or more threads of control are often stored in separate on-chip register sets. Unused i ...

Keywords: Blocked multithreading, interleaved multithreading, simultaneous multithreading

11 Performance of a hardware-assisted real-time garbage collector

William J. Schmidt, Kelvin D. Nilsen

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effective depends on various choices between configuration alternatives. This paper reports the performance of several different configurations of the hardware-assisted real-time garbage collection system subjected to several different ...

12 MEDEA workshop: Fresh Breeze: a multiprocessor chip architecture guided by modular programming principles

Jack B. Dennis

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It is well-known that multiprocessor systems are vastly more difficult to program than systems that support sequential programming models. In a 1998 paper[11] this author argued that six important principles for supporting modular software construction are often violated by the architectures proposed for multiprocessor computer systems. The Fresh Breeze project concerns the architecture and design of a multiprocessor chip that can achieve superior performance while honoring these six principles. ...

13 Stride prefetching by dynamically inspecting objects

Tatsushi Inagaki, Tamiya Onodera, Hideaki Komatsu, Toshio Nakatani

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Software prefetching is a promising technique to hide cache miss latencies, but it remains challenging to effectively prefetch pointer-based data structures because obtaining the memory address to be prefetched requires pointer dereferences. The recently proposed stride prefetching overcomes this problem, but it only exploits *inter-iteration* stride patterns and relies on an off-line profiling method. We propose a new algorithm for stride prefetching which is intended for use in a dynamic ...

Keywords: Java just-in-time compiler, object inspection, stride prefetching

14 Cycles to recycle: garbage collection to the IA-64

Richard L. Hudson, J. Elliot Moss, Sreenivas Subramoney, Weldon Washburn

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The IA-64, Intel's 64-bit instruction set architecture, exhibits a number of interesting architectural features. Here we consider those features as they relate to supporting garbage collection (GC). We aim to assist GC and compiler implementors by describing how one may exploit features of the IA-64. Along the way, we record some previously unpublished object scanning techniques, and offer novel ones for object allocation (suggesting some simple operating system support that would simplify it ...

15 Memory forwarding: enabling aggressive layout optimizations by guaranteeing the safety of data relocation

Chi-Keung Luk, Todd C. Mowry

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By optimizing data layout at run-time, we can potentially enhance the performance of

caches by actively creating spatial locality, facilitating prefetching, and avoiding cache conflicts and false sharing. Unfortunately, it is extremely difficult to guarantee that such optimizations are *safe* in practice on today's machines, since accurately updating *all* pointers to an object requires perfect alias information, which is well beyond the scope of the compiler for languages such as C. T ...

16 Sentinel scheduling for VLIW and superscalar processors

Scott A. Mahlke, William Y. Chen, Wen-mei W. Hwu, B. Ramakrishna Rau, Michael S. Schlansker

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Speculative execution is an important source of parallelism for VLIW and superscalar processors. A serious challenge with compiler-controlled speculative execution is to accurately detect and report all program execution errors at the time of occurrence. In this paper, a set of architectural features and compile-time scheduling support referred to as sentinel scheduling is introduced. Sentinel scheduling provides an effective framework for compiler-controlled speculative ex ...

17 Performance: Method-level phase behavior in java workloads

Andy Georges, Dries Buytaert, Lieven Eeckhout, Koen De Bosschere

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Java workloads are becoming more and more prominent on various computing devices. Understanding the behavior of a Java workload which includes the interaction between the application and the virtual machine (VM), is thus of primary importance during performance analysis and optimization. Moreover, as contemporary software projects are increasing in complexity, automatic performance analysis techniques are indispensable. This paper proposes an off-line method-level phase analysis approach for ...

18 Superscalar design: Three extensions to register integration

Vlad Petric, Anne Bracy, Amir Roth

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Register integration (or just integration) is a register renaming discipline that implements instruction reuse via physical register sharing. Initially developed to perform squash reuse, the integration mechanism can exploit more reuse scenarios. Here, we describe three extensions to the original design that expand its applicability and boost its performance impact. First, we extend squash reuse to general reuse. Whereas squash reuse maintains the concept of an instruction instance "owning" its ...

19 The use of multithreading for exception handling

Craig B. Zilles, Joel S. Emer, Gurindar S. Sohi

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Common hardware exceptions, when implemented by trapping, unnecessarily serialize program execution in dynamically scheduled superscalar processors. To avoid the consequences of trapping the main program thread, multithreaded CPUs can exploit control and data independence by executing the exception handler in a separate hardware context. The main thread doesn't squash instructions after the excepting instruction, conserving fetch bandwidth and allowing execution of instructions inde ...

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